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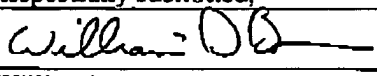
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For:	DEVICE FOR SECURING AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL FIBRE TO AN OPTICAL APPARATUS		
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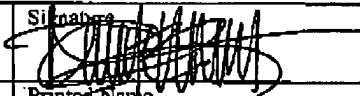
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Serial No.: 09/401,730 Examiner: Luu, Thanh X.  
Confirmation No. 5060 Group Art Unit: 2878  
Filed: September 23, 1999 Docket No.: 161PDAL035BUS01  
Title: DEVICE FOR SECURING AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL FIBRE TO  
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**RESUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT SUBMITTED  
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An Office Action made FINAL in respect of the above-identified application was mailed on August 21, 2003, carrying a shortened statutory period of response of three months.

The Amendment attached hereto as Attachment A was filed in the United States Patent on September 24, 2003, well within the two-month period following the August 21, 2003 mailing date of the Office Action. Evidence of transmission of the Amendment by facsimile with an auto-reply from the USPTO is included in the Attachment.

According to the provisions of MPEP § 706.07(f), an Advisory Action should have been provided by the USPTO prior to the expiration of the shortened statutory period of response date of November 21, 2003. No Advisory Action has been received.

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On February 9, 2004, the Customer Service division of the USPTO was contacted inquiring about the status of the September 24, 2003 Amendment. Customer Service orally informed us that the Amendment was "missing", that a lot of amendments were missing, that a search would be conducted. No further response has been received from the Customer Service area.

On February 17, 2004, a copy of the September 24, 2003 Amendment was sent by facsimile directly to the Examiner for review. On February 23, 2004, I spoke with the Examiner who indicated that the September 24, 2003 Amendment would place the application in condition for allowance.

The September 24, 2004 is being re-submitted herewith.

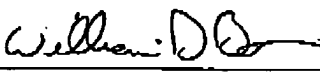
Since the USPTO has, apparently, misplaced the September 24, 2003 Amendment which was timely filed within two (2) months of the mailing date of the Office Action made FINAL, since no Advisory Action was received and since the Examiner has orally indicated that the September 24, 2003 Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, it is believed that no additional fees are due herewith.

Claims 1 - 18 and 22 - 29 should now be allowable, this application should be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENZO FEI ET AL.

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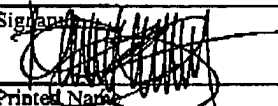
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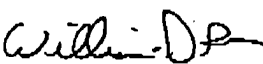
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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 - 18 and 22 - 29 are pending in this application. Claims 5 - 17, 22 and 26 - 29 have been allowed. Claims 1 - 4, 18 and 23 - 25 have been rejected.

The allowance of claims 5 - 17, 22 and 26 - 29 is noted.

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